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PLUS SONIC 3D FLICKIES ISLAND SATURN REVIEW! BADNIK PIN-UP!

YOUR GUIDE TO THE WORLD OF SONIC THE COMIC (STC) & SEGA. PRESENTED BY YOUR HOST, MEGADROID.

CONTROL ZONE

Hey, Boomers,

I never thought I'd have anything in common with bad egg Doctor Robotnik, but due to chocolate overload over the Easter holiday, I'm also feeling temporarily out of action! Speaking of lickings, my guess is that by now this issue's free eat is lodged firmly in your face, so try saying the following four words out loud: red lolly, yellow lolly!

Also guaranteed to leave you tongue-tied is this all new story issue, together with another cracking Badnik Pin-up featuring Crawlton, plus there's a Review on the Sega Saturn launch Sonic 3D Flickies Island, which delves into our heroic hedgehog's mission to free the Flickies!

The full on frenzy continues in a fortnight with a Super Sonic story, plus Pin-up! See you then...

Megadroid

RAISE YOUR MUGS!



Change of Speedlines Prize!

Get a grip all you Boomers who were intent on winning a Sega Mega Hog Tag - the following news may be hard for you to swallow!

From now on, there's a new Speedlines prize - but don't be too disappointed, there's now a hottish Sonic 2 Crucial Cup up for grabs to those

Boomers who get their letters (and artwork) published in the UK's only official Sega comic!

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MEGA DRIVE

- 1 ● FIFA '97
- 2 ● PREMIER MANAGER '97
- 3 ● THE LION KING
- 4 ↑ COMIX ZONE
- 5 ● SONIC 3D
- 6 ↓ MICRO MACHINES MILITARY
- 7 ↑ WORMS
- 8 RE STREETS OF RAGE 2
- 9 ↓ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2
- 10 ↓ TAZ-MANIA: ESCAPE FROM MARS

SATURN

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- 3 ● WORLDWIDE SOCCER '97
- 4 ● COMMAND AND CONQUER
- 5 NEW INTERNATIONAL VICTORY GOAL
- 6 NEW SEGA AGES
- 7 DAYTONA USA CHAMP EDITION
- 8 ↓ DOOM
- 9 ● ATHLETE KINGS
- 10 ↓ EXHUMED

MEGA-CD

- 1 RE ECCO THE DOLPHIN
- 2 ↑ THUNDERHAWK
- 3 ↓ TOMCAT ALLEY
- 4 ↓ SILPHEED
- 5 RE HOOK
- 6 RE ETERNAL CHAMPIONS
- 7 ROAD AVENGER
- 8 ↓ SONIC CD
- 9 RE CHUCK ROCK 2
- 10 RE WOLFCHILD

GAME GEAR

- 1 ↑ DYNAMITE HEADDY
- 2 RE MICRO MACHINES
- 3 ↑ COLUMNS
- 4 ↓ MICRO MACHINES 2
- 5 ↓ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
- 6 ↑ SONIC: TRIPLE TROUBLE
- 7 RE FANTASTIC ADVENTURES OF DIZZY
- 8 ↓ ECCO 2: THE TIDES OF TIME
- 9 RE COSMIC SPACEHEAD
- 10 NEW MAN OVERBOARD

SONIC

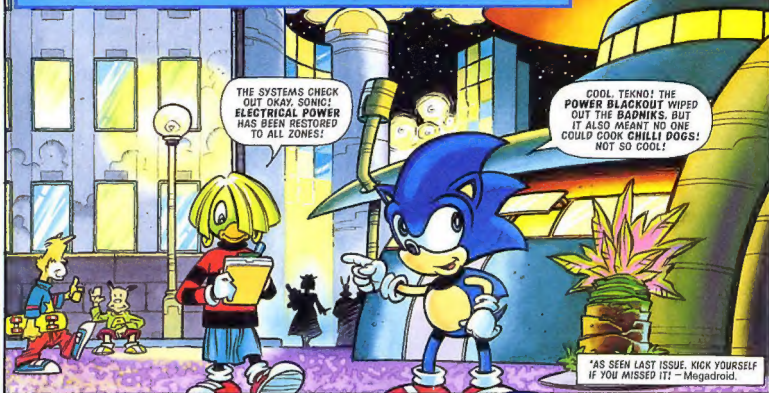
THE ADVENTURE

VOTE FOR ME

Script: LEW STRINGER Art: ROBERTO COORDA Colorings: JOHN BROWN Lettering: TOM FRANK

COMPLETE
STORY

IT'S A DAY OF GREAT JOY ON
PLANET MOBIUS AS DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK HAS AT LAST BEEN
DEFEATED!"



WITH ROBOTNIK
GONE, WE CAN LIVE IN
METROPOLIS CITY
IN SAFETY!

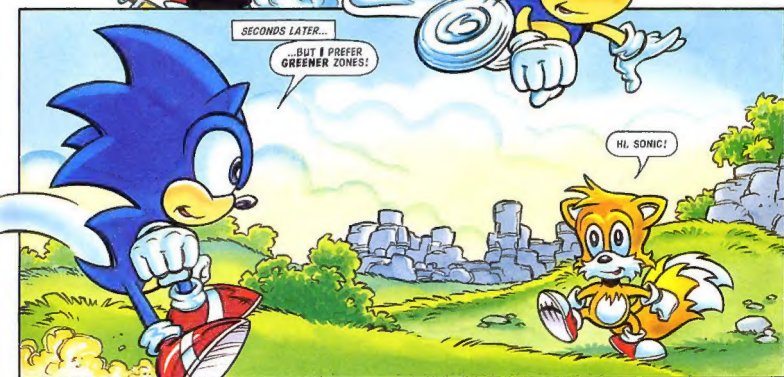
WHOOOSH!

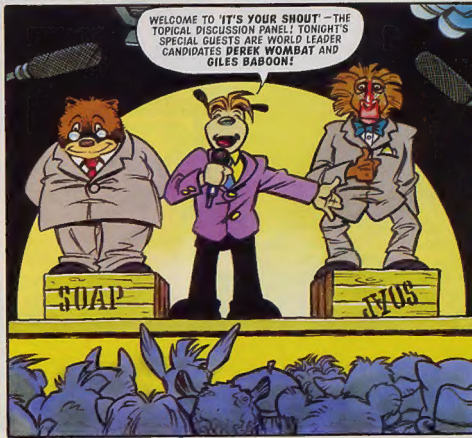
THAT
MIGHT SUIT A
COMPUTER-BOFF
LIKE YOU,
TEKNO...


SECONDS LATER...

...BUT I PREFER
GREENER ZONES!


HI, SONIC!






A close-up of Derek Wombat, a brown wombat with blue-rimmed glasses and a red bow tie, speaking with an open mouth.

PEOPLE OF MOBIUS: VOTE FOR ME, DEREK WOMBAT, AND I PROMISE YOU FREE SCHOOL GRAVY FOR EVERY CHILD! I WILL REDUCE THE NUMBER OF BUTTONS ON SHIRTS, AND I PROMISE WHITER SNOW AT CHRISTMAS!

A close-up of Giles Baboon, a brown baboon with a large red nose and a blue bow tie, speaking with an open mouth.

MY DEAR CITIZENS! VOTE FOR ME, GILES BABOON, AND I PROMISE TO LOWER THE LEGAL HAIRCUT LIMIT TO ELBOW LEVEL! I WILL BAN THE WEARING OF WHITE SOCKS AND ENCOURAGE THE FORMING OF MORE BOY BANDS!

A group of small ant colonies are on a stage. One is wearing a plaid shirt, another a blue jumpsuit, and another a blue dress. A speech bubble from one of them is shown.

AHEM! DO EITHER OF YOU PROPOSE TO HELP VICTIMISED ANT COLONIES?

A BIG ANTEATER ATE GRANDMA LAST WEEK, YOU SEE!

A close-up of Derek Wombat's head in profile, looking towards the right.

HRRUMPH! ...THE ANT SITUATION WILL BE CONSIDERED IN... ER... DUE TIME!

A close-up of Giles Baboon's head, looking towards the left.

BUT I WILL CONSIDER IT FIRST!

A panel showing four candidates: a woman with braids, Tails, Sonic the Hedgehog, and a grey rabbit.

WOW! IT'S A TOUGH CHOICE!

YEAH! SHOULD YOU VOTE FOR A BOZO OR A WINGNUT?

A WEEK LATER...

WITH ONE DAY TO GO UNTIL THE ELECTION, THE LEADERSHIP BATTLE IS HOTTING UP!

MMM, TIME TO SEE WHICH ONE HAS THE MOST HOT AIR!

AFTER AN ARGUMENT CONCERNING HOMEWORK FOR PARENTS, WOMBAT AND BABOON HAVE PUT ON ARMoured BATTLE SUITS AND ARE HAVING A SLANGING MATCH!

I DESERVE TO BE WORLD LEADER!

GLONKA!

RUBBISH! THE PEOPLE WILL VOTE FOR ME!

WHO SAID POLITICS WAS BORING!

MBN

THE 'POLITICAL' DEBATE CONTINUES...

PERHAPS MY LASER BLASTER WILL CONVINCE YOU OF MY POLICIES!

ME! TIME I SORTED THIS OUT!

AAGH! I HEAR WHAT YOU ARE SAYING...

POOSH!

...BUT PERHAPS THIS
LAMP POST WILL HELP YOU
SEE MY POINT OF VIEW!

KTANNG!

UUGH!

**CHILL OUT, CLOWNS!
YOU'RE WRECKING THE
CITY!**

SCREECH!

THIS IS NOTHING...
ONCE ELECTED, I INTEND TO
DEMOLISH THIS ZONE AND
BUILD A CAR PARK!

THAT'S
MY IDEA!
YOU'VE
STOLEN
IT!

I DID
NOT PINCH
YOUR IDEA!

SMASH!

**DID!
DID!
DID!**

THESE GOONS
DON'T CARE ABOUT
THE PEOPLE! IT'S
CLEAR TO ME THAT
THEY JUST ABUSE
THEIR POWER!

BOOM!

WE'VE JUST
GOT RID OF
ONE EGOTISTICAL
RULER! WE
DON'T NEED
ANOTHER!

**YIKE! DON'T TELL
ME YOU'RE SIDING
WITH BABOON!**

I'M NOT SIDING
WITH EITHER OF
YOU DONUTS!

BOSH!!

OUCH!
I MUST
PROTEST!

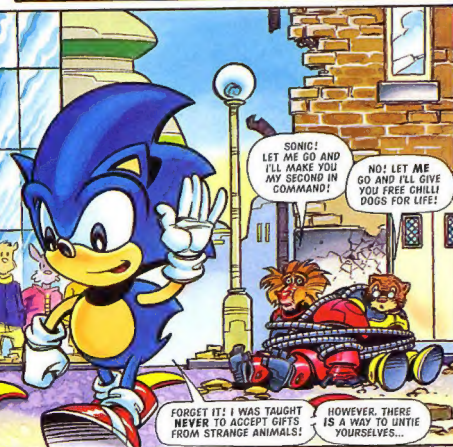
STOP!
YOU'RE
DAMAGING
MY BATTLE
SUIT!

BZZT!
WELL, THAT
WAS THE IDEA!

WHIZZZZZ!

WH-WHAT'S
HE DOING?

!...I DON'T KNOW!
IT'S MAKING ME
DIZZY WATCHING HIM!



BUT YOU'LL
HAVE TO WORK
TOGETHER TO
DO IT!

GULP!

THE NEXT DAY...

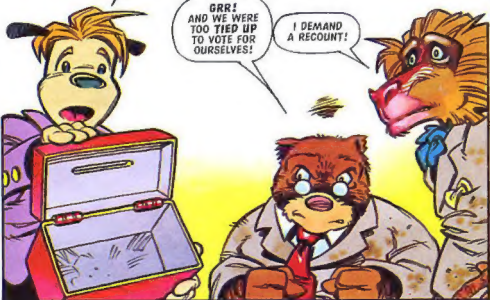
THE RESULTS ARE IN!
NOW WE'LL SEE WHO WILL
BE NEW WORLD LEADER!



THE BALLOT BOX IS
EMPTY: NO ONE VOTED
FOR EITHER OF YOU!

GRR!
AND WE WERE
TOO TIED UP
TO VOTE FOR
OURSELVES!

I DEMAND
A RECOUNT!



THERE'S ONLY ONE LEADER
WHO'S GOOD ENOUGH TO
RULE PLANET MOBIUS,
AND THAT'S SONIC!

YAYYY!



THANKS, BUT I'M
NOT CUT OUT FOR
A DESK JOB!

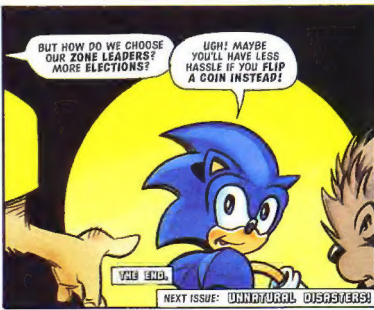
MAYBE NO ONE SHOULD
HAVE THE POWER TO RULE THE
WHOLE PLANET! PERHAPS EACH
ZONE SHOULD HAVE ITS OWN
LEADER TO CARE FOR ITS PEOPLE!

COOL
IDEA!



BUT HOW DO WE CHOOSE
OUR ZONE LEADERS?
MORE ELECTIONS?

UGH! MAYBE
YOU'LL HAVE LESS
HASSLE IF YOU FLIP
A COIN INSTEAD!



THE END.

NEXT ISSUE: UNNATURAL DISASTERS!

THE FLOATING
ISLAND.

KNUCKLES™

LOOSE ENDS



COMPLETE
STORY

Script: NIGEL KITCHING Art: NIGEL DORRUM Lettering: ELITTA FELL

THE WAR WITH DOCTOR ROBOTNIK MAY BE OVER,
BUT THERE ARE STILL ONE OR TWO ITEMS OF
UNFINISHED BUSINESS...

EASY
NOW... REMEMBER
HOW DANGEROUS
HE CAN BE!

NO!
I DON'T
BELIEVE
IT!

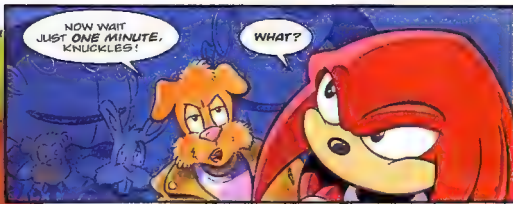
DOCTOR
ZACHARY HAS
ESCAPED!*

SEE LAST ISSUE FOR THE FULL STORY OF DOCTOR ZACHARY Megadroid.




KNUCKLES,
LOOK! HE MUST
HAVE GOT INTO THE
TUNNELS... THE
FLOATING ISLAND IS
RIDDLED WITH
THEM!

YOU'RE
RIGHT, PORKER...
WE'D BETTER GET
AFTER HIM!




NOW WAIT
JUST ONE MINUTE,
KNUCKLES!

WHAT?




I THINK I
SPEAK FOR ALL OF THE
EMERALD HILL FOLK WHEN
I SAY WE WANT TO
GO HOME!

YOU
TELL HIM,
SIDNEY!



WE REALLY
APPRECIATE YOU LETTING
US HIDE OUT ON THE FLOATING
ISLAND... WITHOUT YOU, ROBOT-
NIK WOULD HAVE FINISHED
US OFF AGES AGO!



BUT WE'VE BEEN
THROUGH A LOT, AND SURELY
ZACHARY ISN'T GOING TO BE
ANY TROUBLE FOR A WHILE
AT LEAST...



UHHHH!

YEAH, OKAY...
I SUPPOSE YOU'RE
RIGHT...





STOP!
THE ROBOTS
WON'T HURT
YOU!

ARE YOU
KIDDING? HAVE YOU
FORGOTTEN THESE
CREEPS WORK FOR
ZACHARY?



NOT ANY MORE! THE
PROGRAM WHICH MADE
THE ROBOTS SERVE
ZACHARY HAS BEEN
DESTROYED!
THIS TIME YOU
ATTACKED THEM! THEY
WERE DEFENDING
THEMSELVES!



NOW, YOU
WANTED ME TO GET
YOU BACK TO MOBIUS!
THAT MEANS
I'M GOING TO HAVE
TO LOWER THE FLOATING
ISLAND OUT OF THE SKY
AND DOWN TO THE PLANET!

BOY,
WHEN ROBOTNIK
DRAGGED US OFF TO
THAT PLACE, I
THOUGHT IT WAS
ALL OVER!

SO
DID I!

GO BACK
TO THE VILLAGE
AND GATHER YOUR
BELONGINGS... YOU'RE
GOING HOME!



WILL
YOU COME WITH
ME TO THE EMERALD
CHAMBER, PORKER?
I COULD USE A
LITTLE HELP!

SURE, IT'S
THE LEAST I
CAN DO!



Decap Attack

WALLS

COMPLETE
STORY

SCRIPT: NIGEL KITCHING & RICHARD RAYNER

ART: MICK McMAHON

LETTERING: ELLIE DE'VILLE

IN CASTLE
FRANK N STEIN,
IGOR IS A MAN
WITH A MISSION.

WE'VE GOT
TO DO SOMETHING,
WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE
THE PROF DOWN
THERE!

I'VE TOLD
YOU BEFORE. NEVER
DISTURB HEAD AND ME
WHILE WE'RE WATCHING
THE CHIMPSONS!

YOU TELL HIM,
CHUCK!

LOOK, THE
PROFESSOR IS
TRAPPED IN HELL WITH
THAT LOVE SICK DEMON
WOMAN... WE MUST
RESCUE HIM!

MAINLY
BECAUSE HE'S
THE ONE WHO PAYS
MY WAGES!

LATER IN THE EMERALD CHAMBER, NERVE CENTRE OF THE FLOATING ISLAND.

YOU MIGHT HAVE TIDIED UP A LITTLE WHILE I WAS AWAY, PORKER.

YOU'RE KIDDING... I WOULDN'T DARE TOUCH ANYTHING IN HERE!

SEE THAT CHEST OVER THERE... IT'S FULL OF PLANS AND DIAGRAMS OF THE FLOATING ISLAND!

"REGULAR BOOMERS WILL KNOW ALL ABOUT KNUCKLES' JOURNEY BACK TO THE FLOATING ISLAND WITH THE CHEST - Megadroid."

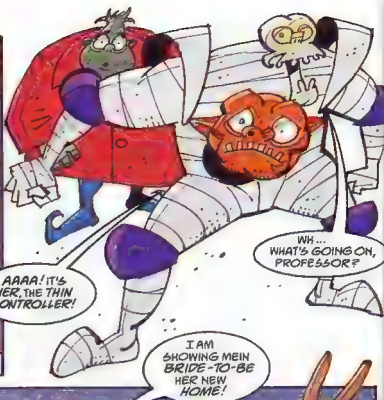
AND WITH THEIR HELP, I'M GOING TO REPAIR THE FLOATING ISLAND AND RETURN IT TO ITS FORMER GLORY!

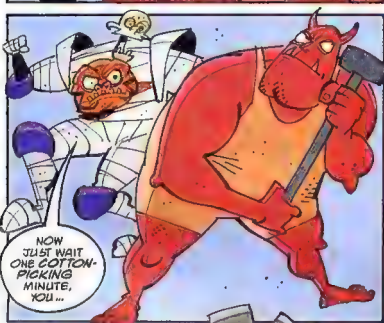
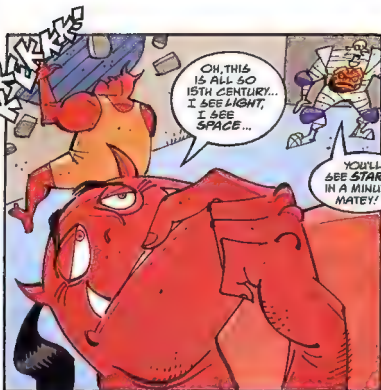
THIS IS THE DAWNING OF A GREAT NEW AGE... AN AGE WITHOUT ROBOTNIK!

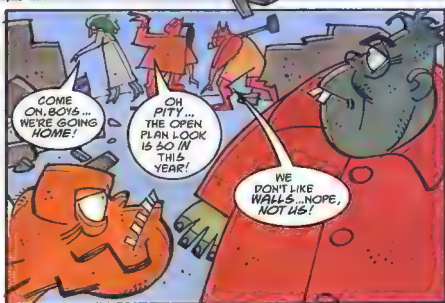
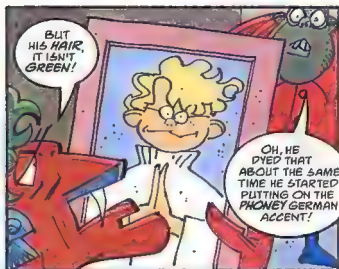
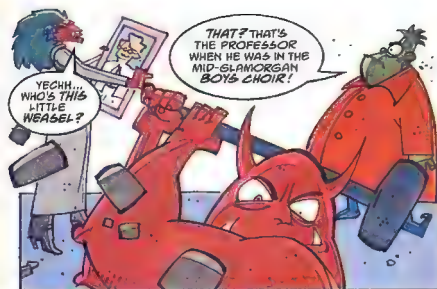
I THINK I'M GOING TO ENJOY IT!

KNUCKLES WILL RETURN SOON!

NEXT ISSUE: WHATEVER HAPPENED TO SUPER SONIC?







REVIEW ZONE

YOUR GUIDE TO NEW GAMES RELEASED FOR THE SEGA SYSTEMS

SEGA'S RATING SYSTEM
UNDER 10 - YAHNSVILLE

10-20 - NORMALSVILLE
20-30 - KUM CITY

30-90 - BIG TIME CITY
OVER 90 - MEGA CITY

SONIC 3D FLICKIES ISLAND

Reviewed by Chris Jones.

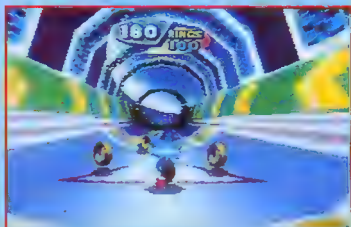
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SATURN

GAME TYPE: 3-D PLATFORM
PLAYERS: 1

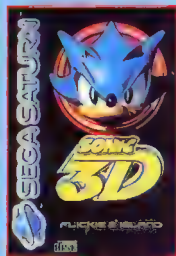
PUBLISHER: SEGA
PRICE: £44.99

RELEASE DATE: OUT NOW
AGE SUITABILITY: ALL



playground and can be explored.

The graphics are slick and the character movement is smooth. For the Saturn version of this game, an all new CD quality soundtrack has been added and Sonic can 'do his stuff' to dance, orchestral, or jazz funk music. Those of you who grew up with Sonic will relish seeing him on this format. All the classic features from his adventures are packed into this game; the rings, secret bonus levels, Tails and Knuckles, and the end of level bosses. Right on!



Stand by for the beginning of yet another games war! Sonic 3D Flickies Island is being launched two weeks before that crafty plumber debuts with his new 3D game (clue: his name begins with 'M!'). Indeed, it may have inspired Sega to revamp Sonic and send him into a 3D platform game

packed with bright colours, excellent sound and innovative gameplay.

In Sonic 3D Flickies Island, our heroic hedgehog's mission is to free the Flickies (the rabbits and birds that have starred in the previous Sonic games). The Flickies have all been turned into Badniks by the evil Doctor Robotnik and Sonic must battle over seven massive zones, each with three stages to master. As expected, each zone has a different theme; for instance, the Snow Mountain Zone is a mass of frozen ice on which Sonic slips and slides, can get caught in avalanches and can become encased in ice. The three dimensional gameplay means Sonic can move left and right and into the foreground or background. The whole screen is your

FINAL COUNTDOWN

RAVES

Let's go...
Super Sonic!



GRAPHICS 85

SOUND 90

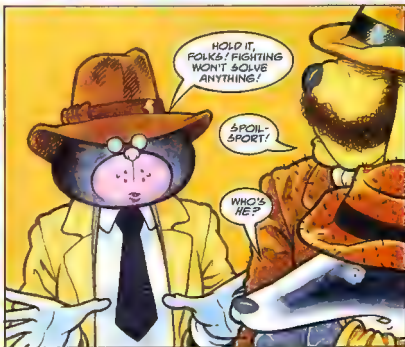
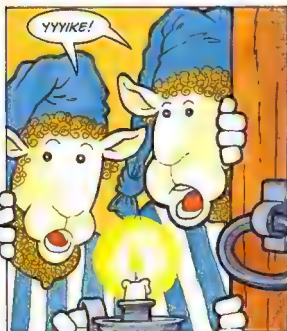
GRAVES

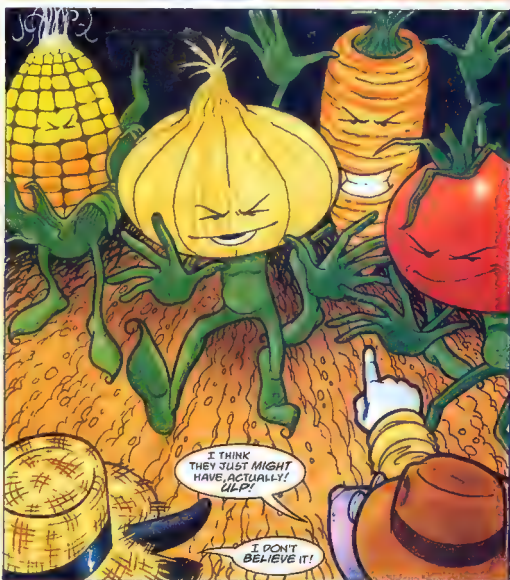
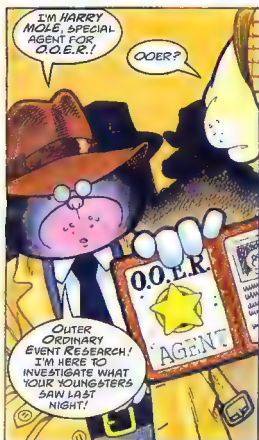
Hey not have
my head in
a spin!

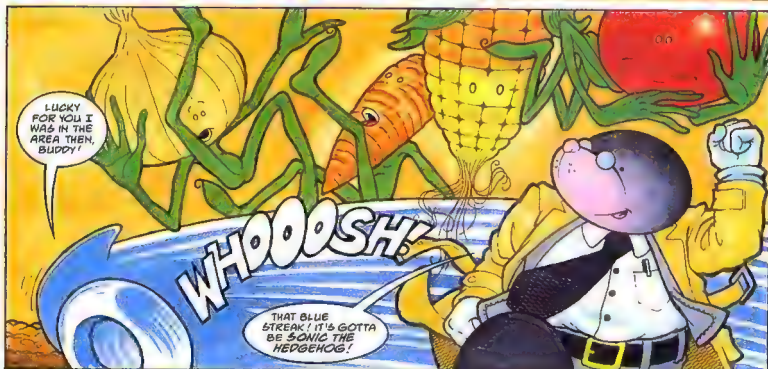
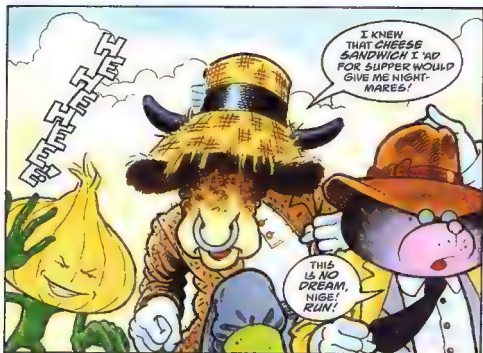


PLAYABILITY 75

OVERALL 85







NEW
STORY

SONIC'S WORLD

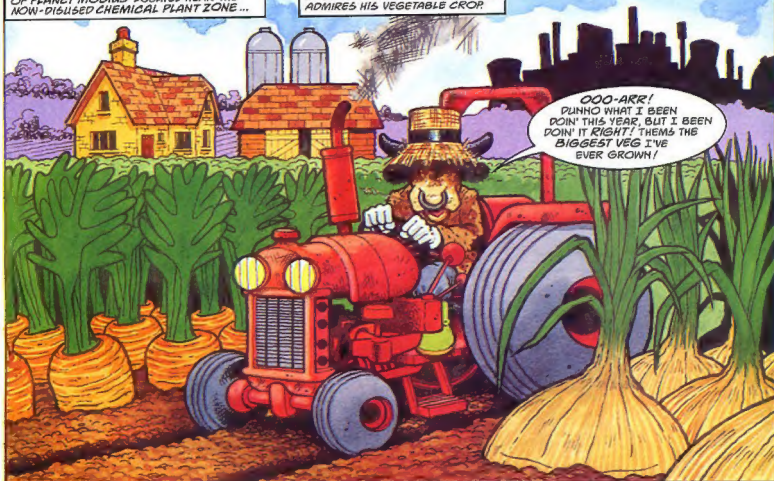
INVASION OF THE VEG HEADS

Part 1

Script: LEW STRINGER Art: ANDY PRITCHETT Lettering: ELLIE DE'VILLE

THE FLOWRIGHT ZONE, AGRICULTURAL LAND OF PLANET MOBIUS LOCATED NEAR THE NOW-DISUSED CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE...

...WHERE FARMER NIGE PROUDLY ADMIRES HIS VEGETABLE CROP.

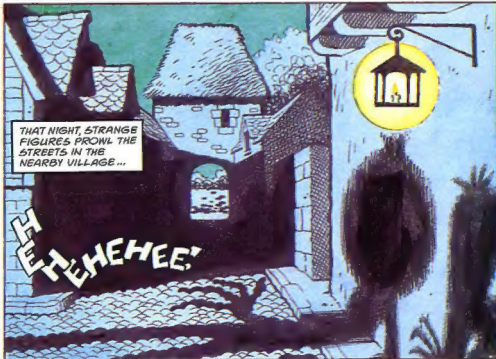


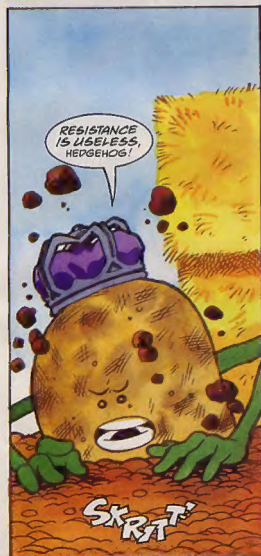
ARR! I BE IN FOR A FAIR OL' CHANGE FOR WINNIN' A PRIZE FOR THE SIZE OF ME ONIONS THIS HARVEST!



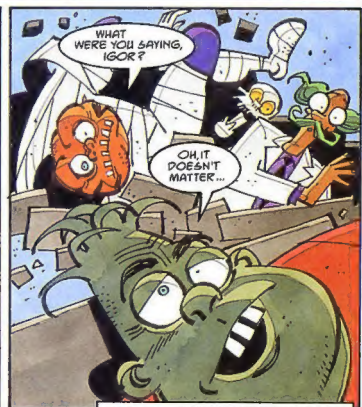
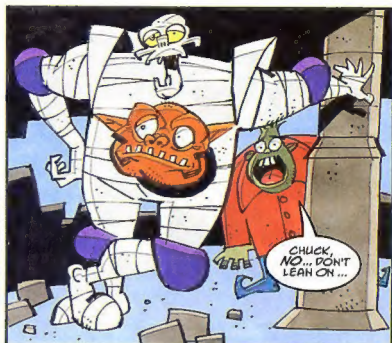
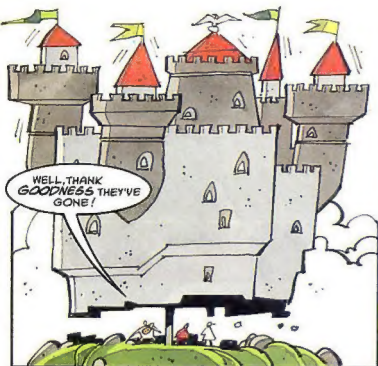
THAT NIGHT, STRANGE FIGURES PROWL THE STREETS IN THE NEARBY VILLAGE...

HEHEHEEE!





NEXT ISSUE: SALAD DAZE!



NEXT ISSUE: LIFE WITH THE SNAGSBY6?



SPEED LINES

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SPEEDLINES, SONIC THE COMIC, 25/31 TAVISTOCK PLACE, LONDON WC1H 9SU.

OR USE THE E-MAIL SERVICE (SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS).

EAT DIRT

James Wallace,
Widnes,
Cheshire.
Sonic 2 Crucial
Cup Winner.



SKELETON STAFF!

Dear Megadroid,

It may be a long time ago, but I'm still wondering what happened to Skull from Decap Attack back in *STC* 89? One minute he was shoved into a van, and then he was back in the next issue without so much as a scratch! Why didn't the writer Nigel Kitching go on to explain how Skull was rescued? Stephen Robertson, Law, Lanarkshire, Scotland. Sonic 2 Crucial Cup Winner.



It just goes to prove Stephen, how much Hume Kitching is a master of mystery and suspense!



Send your e-mail messages to:
stc@egmont.co.uk

Be sure to include your shell mail (postal) address if you want to win a prize.

VIVA RODRIGUEZ!

Dear Megadroid,

I think that the artist Ferran Rodriguez who paints the Badnik Pin-ups is excellent and was surprised that he didn't attend the UKCAC convention in London. Also, I didn't go either as I live too far away. Craig White, Glasgow, Scotland. Sonic 2 Crucial Cup Winner.



Unfortunately for STC Craig, Ferran lives even further away than you do...Spain. But what about the other fine, talented creators who did attend, eh? (those concerned make cheques payable to Megadroid!).

EVERYTHING PRINTED IN SPEEDLINES WINS A SONIC 2 CRUCIAL CUP!



James Davies, Swansea, Wales,
Sonic 2 Crucial Cup Winner.

SNAPPY TUNES!

Dear STC,

Since Chaotix Crew member Rector has a personal stereo, could you please tell me which music he's been playing during his recent adventures?

Peter Zojac, Tyne & Wear. (please send in full address details)
Sonic 2 Crucial Cup Winner.



Hymns by the sound of things, but I suspect that 'Vector' has a soft spot for Jimmy Nail's Crocodile Shoes!